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Masatoshi YOSHIKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2652  
Application No. 10/786,100 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: February 26, 2004 )  
For: MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD AND ) Confirmation No. 4243  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants are filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned's knowledge at the time of filing. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on February 26, 2004, June 24, 2005, and January 5, 2006.

Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO/SB/08 form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose a Chinese Patent Office Action entitled "Notification of the First Office Action," mailed on February 10, 2006 in a counterpart foreign application, citing and setting

forth the relevance of those documents. An English language translation of the Chinese Patent Office Action is also enclosed.

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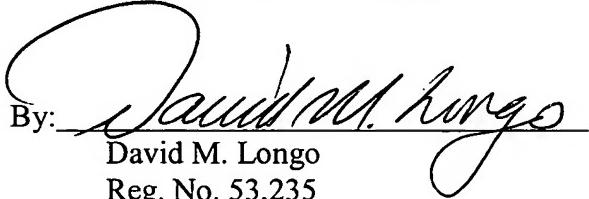
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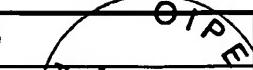
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## **U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS**

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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		CN 1352790 A	06/05/2002			No
		CN 1161531A	10/8/1997			No

## **NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>
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Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
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